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IN REPLY REFER TO:

FWS/NWRS-RE - General  
Railroad Abandonments

January 8, 2004

Rini Ghosh  
Surface Transportation Board  
Case Control Unit  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Rini Ghosh:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed abandonment of the City of Venice railroad in St. Louis, Missouri and Venice, Illinois, STB Docket Number AB-863X.

We have researched our ownership in the vicinity and have determined we do not own any lands or interests in land in the vicinity of the proposed rail line abandonment. We do not have any concerns regarding real estate matters in the abandonment.

Sincerely,

for Patrick G. Carroll  
Senior Realty Officer  
Division of Realty